

audiences in Rhode Island and other localities through exhibitions and collections, arts education, historic preservation, and arts and cultural programming.

It's a true honor to recognize the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Newport Art Museum.

MORE PROOF WE CAN'T TAX OUR WAY TO PROSPERITY

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, a recent report from a respected Illinois think tank found that within 5 years the State of Illinois will have amassed an incredible \$34.8 billion in unpaid bills. This, of course, comes only 1 year after an allegedly temporary tax hike that they were told would help restore the State to fiscal health, but instead has made the State's economy much worse.

Yesterday, the CBO reported that, for the 4th consecutive year, the Federal budget deficit will once again exceed \$1 trillion. This is a mind-boggling number, and it underlines the need for serious fiscal reforms such as the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act that we passed last year.

But, Madam Speaker, I'd like everyone in this Chamber to learn a lesson from my home State of Illinois. We need to learn from the mistakes that they've made. Despite what some people here believe, we can never tax our way to prosperity. Let's heed the warning of the Land of Lincoln and make the tough decisions to break Washington's spending addiction.

RESTORE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

(Ms. EDWARDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDWARDS. Madam Speaker, with another deadline approaching, we're reminded again of the debacle that was the end of the last session when Members on the other side stood in the way of extending tax cuts for 160 million Americans and unemployment benefits for millions more. This is really unacceptable.

Madam Speaker, I want to share with you the sentiments of Mary Hill of Maryland. I received a letter from her this week. She's a single mother. She's a construction worker, and she's a member of Laborers' Local 657. She writes to me that she's been out of work for most of the last 3 years. In her first year here, she writes:

I went through all my savings as well as my children's savings. I went from visions of having my skills, education, vocation, certifications, and ethics embraced to receiving food stamps, a medical card, and watching my unemployment run out. I want to work. I need to

work. I work every day as a volunteer organizer. My passion is for myself and others to achieve and live the American Dream. Hard work should be rewarded, and it is rewarding. Nevertheless, my rent is due. I owe credit cards and a student loan. I thought I would own a house by now.

Madam Speaker, we have to restore unemployment benefits for millions of Americans like Mary Hill.

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TIME FOR THE SENATE TO GET TO WORK

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the American people are rightfully fed up. The Obama Presidency has meant only more power for Washington and more debt for our children and grandchildren, while the Obama economy produces only less confidence for job creators and too few jobs for Americans.

When it comes to fostering job growth, the difference between House Republicans and Senate Democrats for more than a year now has been the difference between action and inaction. Following the House Republican Plan for America's Job Creators, the House has already passed more than 30 bipartisan jobs bills to restore the freedom and confidence of our Nation's job creators to do their job. Unfortunately, 27 of these bipartisan jobs bills are still being ignored or blocked in the do-nothing Democrat Senate.

It's time for Washington Democrats to join our fight to put Americans back to work and get to work enacting those jobs bills.

CALLING ON GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM TO RESPECT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Madam Speaker, we can see that Vietnam's communist government's escalation of crackdowns has targeted the voices of the conscience such as Paulus Le Son and many other Vietnamese patriots for exercising their rights of free speech and expression.

Recently, I received disturbing reports that another youth activist and Vietnamese songwriter, Viet Khang Tri Minh Vo, was detained and imprisoned by the Vietnamese police and government. Viet Khang's songs question the conscience of the Vietnam police, who have brutally assaulted and arrested demonstrators at peaceful gatherings. It is time for the Government of Vietnam to respect the freedom of expression through the arts and stop these arbitrary arrests and recognize the basic human rights of the individual.

I urge my colleagues to cosponsor House Resolution 484, calling on the Vietnamese Government to cease the abuse of vague national security provisions in the Vietnamese penal code, which are used to justify the detention and the abuse of their own citizens.

MEDICAL AND CANCER RESEARCH

(Mr. HIGGINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, earlier this week I had the opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion in western New York on innovations in health care. Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Bill Corr was in attendance, as were many innovation leaders from my community. My community of Buffalo and western New York has been a real leader in embracing health care innovations to promote the efficient and cost-effective delivery of quality health care services.

Buffalo was the Nation's largest recipient of the Federal Government's Beacon Grant for comprehensive integration of electronic medical records. Buffalo's Roswell Park Cancer Institute, the Nation's first comprehensive cancer center, was recently designated to conduct clinical trials for promising new therapies using vaccines to bolster the body's immune system to fight cancer. The successful result of this clinical trial could fundamentally change the science of cancer research and treatment.

Innovation in health care must be sustained by the Federal Government. Today, the National Institutes of Health rejects nine of 10 applications for promising research due to lack of funding. Ten years ago, 25 percent of the National Cancer Institute's research grants were funded; today, it's 8 percent. The only failure in cancer research is when you quit or you're forced to quit because of lack of funding.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support fully cancer funding.

EXTEND THE AMERICAN DREAM

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I continue to wear a yellow ribbon to remind us of the wonderful troops who were able to come home finally from Iraq.

I want to congratulate the city of St. Louis that introduced and held the first Welcome Home the Troops from Iraq parade on January 28. I look forward to communities around this Nation raising up their voices to say thank you to those who worked and dedicated their lives and their commitment to the freedom of this country. That's why, Madam Speaker, it's so important that we do our work. Not a